

ESEE 2011

Pre-Conference Workshop for Young Scholars

12-14 June 2011

We invite graduate students and young researchers to participate and contribute to the pre-conference workshop organized in Istanbul at Boğaziçi University (to be held before the 9th International Conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics (www.esee2011.org)). Following the past years' student meetings, we aim to provide a venue for graduate students and young researchers to share ideas, establish potential collaborations and create networks within ecological economics.

The pre-conference workshop, parallel to this year's conference theme, aims to provide an overview of the achievements of ecological economics and discuss its future. We hope to elicit a debate among young scholars especially with regard to the ecological economics' stance in relation to the economic systems we operate in; the distributional issues and policy analysis and tools. In line with this aim, the pre-conference workshop will focus on three themes in particular:

- (i) An overview of ecological economics: the evolution of environmental thinking within economics, the past and the future of ecological economics, uncertainty and complexity, interdisciplinarity and methods.
- (ii) Political economy perspective within ecological economics: Why is it important to hold a political economy perspective? What distributional/political economy issues should ecological economics be further addressing?
- (iii) Prospects for transition and de-growth: different sources of the de-growth discourse, issues in realizing paths towards sustainable systems in economic, social and ecological terms including infrastructure reduction, work sharing and redefinition, reducing natural resource exploitation, money and financial institutions.

Interested scholars should submit (i) an abstract of their proposed contributions, (ii) their CV's, and (iii) a cover letter with a detailed summary of their current research interests and their contact information. Abstracts should not exceed one single space-typed page. The deadline for submissions is March 25, 2011. All submissions should be made electronically to workshop.esee2011@gmail.com.

A total of 25 participants will be selected, among which around 9 will be invited to make a presentation. Free accommodation, breakfast and lunch will be provided to the 25 selected workshop participants. The presentations will also be open to participation by non-selected participants but no financial support can be provided. Selected participants and papers for presentation will be announced by April 10, 2011 in the conference website.

Audience: MA and PhD Students, post-doctoral and junior researchers.

Workshop dates and venue: The workshop will take place at Bogazici University Campus during the three days prior to the ESEE conference. It will start in the morning on June 12th, Sunday, and end in the afternoon on June 14th, Tuesday.

Organization: Each day of the workshop will focus on one of the themes listed above. Lectures will be delivered by distinguished scholars on each theme, as listed below. Lectures will be

followed by student presentations (30 minute each) and a roundtable discussion where all lecturers and participants will actively engage in discussing the contributions made that day.

Sightseeing and dinner plans will be made for the evenings.

Calendar and Content (to be finalized):

June 11th, Saturday: Arrival and settling

June 12th, Sunday – An overview of ecological economics

June 13th, Monday – Political Economy Perspective within Ecological Economics

June 14th, Tuesday – Prospects for Transition and De-growth

Lecturers involved in the pre-conference workshop include (please note that this list is not exhaustive): Clive Spash, Pat Devine, Joan Martinez-Alier, Francois Schneider, Giorgos Kallis, Joachim Spangenberg, Filka Sekulova)

Conditions: All the participants to the ESEE 2011 pre-conference workshop should be an ESEE member (either active student members or free student members; to become a member please visit: <http://www.euroecolecon.org/join.htm>).

For further correspondence and questions, please contact the workshop coordinator Bengi Akbulut by sending an email: workshop.esee2011@gmail.com.

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